

# Energy Talk **In Depth**

**Focus on: Safety and Preparedness**




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**TOP STORY**

## Preparing for Hurricane and Wildfire Season

EEI and our member companies remind customers that now is the time to prepare for extreme weather events and other emergencies that could cause power outages. Proactively taking simple steps to get ready now can be greatly beneficial if, and when, an emergency occurs.

Customers and communities share a responsibility to prepare for emergencies, and we encourage everyone to create an emergency plan and to prepare an emergency outage kit that is readily available if—and when—disaster strikes.

Here are some tips and resources to help you get started:

- Review EEI's [hurricane safety tips](#), [tornado safety tips](#), and [wildfire safety tips](#). For more hurricane safety and preparation tips, visit the [National Hurricane Survival Initiative](#). For more wildfire safety tips, visit [www.ready.gov/wildfires](http://www.ready.gov/wildfires).
- Learn what to do in case of a [power outage](#).
- Make sure your contact information is current with your local electric company so you can receive any status or safety updates the company might put out during an emergency. Be sure to follow your electric company on social media for real-time updates.

Find more emergency preparation tips [here](#).



**SECURITY MATTERS**

## The Foundation of Resilience: Keeping the Power On

In the latest issue of *Electric Perspectives* magazine, Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator Deanne Criswell writes about the necessary investments EEI's member companies and our federal partners are making in grid resilience initiatives, and the importance of industry-government collaboration to continue providing customers with reliable and secure energy.

"Resilience is not just about maintaining service and bouncing back from service disruptions," Administrator Criswell writes. "It's also about fortifying our grid to withstand and adapt to ever-changing threats."

"EEI's members, who supply electricity to nearly 250 million Americans, are pivotal in fostering the resilience necessary to withstand both physical and cybersecurity threats to our nation's infrastructure," she continues. "This means strengthening and hardening our critical energy infrastructure by reinforcing power lines, securing substations, and adopting smart-grid technologies that can help predict and mitigate disruptions."

[Read more in Electric Perspectives.](#)



**HAPPENING THIS MONTH**

## EEI Celebrates National CPR/AED Awareness Week

June 1-7 was National CPR/AED Awareness Week, and EEI and our member companies highlighted the importance of knowing how to save lives by performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and by being trained to use an automated external defibrillator (AED).

EEI also salutes the forerunners of today's lifesaving CPR techniques and AED technology. An electrical engineer named Dr. William Kouwenhoven, Ph.D., and his team at Johns Hopkins University began working on techniques to reverse the effects of accidental electrocution in 1928, and their work led to lifesaving open-heart defibrillation.

In 1950, EEI provided a research grant to Kouwenhoven's team to develop an external defibrillator that could be used to save lives in the field. This led to the first closed-chest defibrillator in 1957 and, in 1958, to the discovery of CPR using only the hands.

Learn more about the advancements in CPR and AED technology, and the importance of these skills, [on EEI's website](#).

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### Honoring CPR & AED Awareness in June

Sudden cardiac arrest can happen anytime, anywhere, to anyone—regardless of age, physical fitness, or health history. When it does, prompt use of CPR and an AED can save a life. As we [honor CPR & AED Awareness](#) in June, Philips is proud to sponsor this edition of Energy Talk.



**FOCUS ON WILDFIRES**

## EEI's Wildfire Mitigation and Liability Webpage

Reducing wildfire risks and ensuring the ability of electric companies to invest in wildfire risk mitigation for the safety of their customers is a top priority for EEI and our member companies. EEI has published a [Wildfire Mitigation and Liability webpage](#) to highlight how EEI and our member companies are working to reduce wildfire risk and are advancing strategies to enhance industry-government collaboration to both prevent and respond to wildfires.



**NUMBERS TO KNOW**

## Key Facts on Energy Grid Resilience

EEI's member companies continue to invest in adaptation, hardening, and resilience (AHR) initiatives to help protect critical energy infrastructure from cyber and physical security threats. We also are investing in smart technologies that optimize grid operations.

Here are some key facts about energy grid resilience:

- Over the past decade, electric companies have invested more than \$1 trillion in critical energy infrastructure.
- In 2023 alone, EEI's member companies invested \$171.9 billion to make the energy grid smarter, stronger, cleaner, more dynamic, and more secure.
- More than \$30 billion of last year's investments were focused on AHR initiatives to strengthen the nation's transmission and distribution infrastructure.

[Learn more on EEI's website.](#)




**INDUSTRY-GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS**

## Congressional Hurricane Preparedness and Recovery Symposium

In early June, EEI member companies Dominion Energy, Duke Energy, Entergy, Florida Power & Light, Southern Company, and Tampa Electric Company held a Congressional Hurricane and Preparedness Symposium on Capitol Hill to discuss storm preparation and response with the Congressional Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Caucus.

EEI Senior Vice President of Security and Preparedness Scott Aaronson delivered remarks during the event, highlighting the investments being made to enhance disaster preparedness and recovery and the investments being made to enhance critical infrastructure. He also discussed the importance of industry mutual assistance agreements and of industry-government partnerships such as the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council.



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